

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bennett US 6,216,675 in view of Brümmer et al. US 5,445,130 and further in view of Watanabe et al. US 5,251,603.

This rejection is respectfully traversed as follows. Neither Bennett, Brümmer, nor Watanabe, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a cooling device in which an elongated body is made of a polymeric material and is interference fitted within a cavity of a pipe, and in which the pipe is made of a metal material having a different coefficient of thermal expansion than the polymeric material. The Office Action has cited Brümmer as teaching an elongated body made of a polymeric material, but Brümmer also teaches that all parts of the fuel distributor are made of the plastic material.

Bennett, Brümmer, and Watanabe also do not teach or suggest a cooling device in which the end couplings are connected to the outer pipe only. Watanabe teaches an inner tube 17A disposed within an outer tube 18A and connected to coupling 20B, contrary to Applicant's teaching that outer pipe 2 is connected to end coupling 6. With specific regard to claim 5, the cited references further do not teach or suggest that the elongated body has at least one tapered end that is longitudinally spaced from the end couplings.

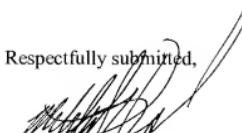
For at least these reasons, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are respectfully traversed.

Conclusion

It is believed that the present application is in condition for consideration and allowance. If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298 in the name of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP for any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

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